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Dear Bob,

That ball was a very insensitive concept. Can you imagine anything of that with an origin of the left or even center today? It got to be so embarrassing that the name was changed to what was not embarrassing and it was a success. But it was bad for the local image because it did get all that attention. Deservedly. I gave the local papers a different way of looking at it that it used. I also suggested that they do a story on the little-known Battle of the Monocacy. It was a grand success in losing for the Union. The Union army held the rebels off for a day and then got beaten. But that one day was enough for reinforcements to get into Washington. The general who was beaten is better known for having written Ben Hur, Lew Wallace. When I was a patient in Walter Reed Hospital during World War II the "spy" tree was still there. The rebels got into Washington but not far past the Maryland border. Their scouts got to that tree and with glasses watched what was happening in the city most of which was then wya, way downtown.

I think you'll be wasting time to try to reason with Hosty. By now he believes all he made up and all along he was taking liberties with fact.

How with bullets made under the Geneva convention can one deposit 40 dust-like particles in the head?

What basis do you have for saying that Oswald spoke to one Kostikov in the USSR embassy and that he was a wet-jobs specialist? The latter, according to CIA records, is its presumption only. And those same records reflect that it was one Yatskov, not Kostikov, to whom Oswald spoke and then only briefly.

Why did none of you in the Dallas office interview any of the 12 motorcycle policemen in the motorcade, particularly not two of the four flanking the limo? One, Chaney, said he saw the President hit in the face. The other - and both were next to the President on his right - said he saw a separate bullet hit Connally? And how can you explain this in terms of what you say, which is what the FBI and the Commission say?

How could the Bureau files those five volumes of the special report ordered by President Johnson the night of the assassination and make no reference in all five volumes to either the cause of death or the fact that Bystander Jim Tague was wounded? (show him the curbstone pictures and captions.)

Do you know that Carver Gayton says under oath that you told him Oswald was an informer for you in Dallas? And affidavit of his is in the records now at the Archives. (I do not have it and Gayton was in touch with me in 1970-1 and I never used any of what he said lacking any confirmation. Were you in KC when he was?)

Do you know that the assassination bullet fragments the Bureau had and testified to before the Warren Commission did not, no a single one the of them, match the FBI's description of them and their weights? How can you explain that? *(HSCA testimony)*

You can use Mr. Dolce from NEVER AGAIN! and some from the Afterword, too. Show it to him

There was a time he said there was a conspiracy inside the Bureau or the Dallas office to take him off the case. What unique knowledge did he had, or insight or perception and why would there be such a conspiracy against ^{him} ~~you~~ and not, say Bob Gemberling, the then Dallas case agent when he wrote that once upon a time there had been a mark or a scar on the curbstone hit during the assassination and when it was dug up at Phoney-felt's request it was no longer there? Did Oswald pay for it from the grave? Gemberling's files held the Dallas Morning News picture taken right after the assassination as well as the copy if it in the papers.

This ought be enough. I'll read and correct this in the morning. Close to my suppertime and I'm tired.

Thanks for your good wishes. We have graduated from his and her canes to his and her walkers. Only I've not gotten one and do not plan to. Wil is also getting over an attack of diverticulities. You met Nicole, at the oriental restaurant. Remember I told you she regards Wil as sort of a surrogate mother? When she learned she prepared some simple food Wil could keep down, gave her some and sent her some for at home and that got Wil started eating again.

Best to you both,

Edwards